

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing and  
Office of Aging and Adult Services**

**Bayou Choices Program**

The Department of Health and Hospitals is seeking to implement Medicaid Managed Care for populations at risk of and/or receiving long-term supports and services, including eligible older adults and persons with adult onset disabilities. This system, to be referred to as the Bayou Choices program, will operate under the authority of Sections 1915(b), 1915(c), and 1915(i) of Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The department hereby gives public notice of its intent to submit a new waiver, amendments to the State's existing waivers, and Title XIX Medicaid State Plan amendments to the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to seek approval for implementation effective October 1, 2015 to: 1) establish the Bayou Choices Medicaid Managed Care Program under a 1915(b) waiver; 2) amend the Community Choices Waiver (CCW) and the Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Waiver to operate under a managed care model concurrent with the 1915(b) waiver; 3) revise the current 1915(b) Behavioral Health Services Waiver to exclude populations covered under the Bayou Choices program; 4) allow the operation of 1915(i) community behavioral health services through multiple

Managed Care Entities (MCEs) rather than a single prepaid inpatient health plan (PIHP); 5) allow self-direction to be implemented statewide with the Long-Term Personal Care Services (LT-PCS) Program; 6) allow LT-PCS participants to purchase goods and services; and 7) revise the timeline for conducting LT-PCS re-assessments from annually to at least once every 18 months.

Implementation of these provisions may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to [MedicaidPolicy@la.gov](mailto:MedicaidPolicy@la.gov). Ms. Kennedy is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this public notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is March 1, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

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Secretary